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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 112

Introduced by Assembly Member Campos

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February 22, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 112—Relative to the 24th Annual State Scientist Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 112, as amended, Campos. 24th Annual State Scientist Day.

This measure would declare May 23, 2012, as the 24th Annual State Scientist Day, as a tribute to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who work on behalf of all the residents of California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The state employs nearly 3,000 professional
2 scientists in over 30 state departments working in more than 230
3 scientific classifications; and

4 WHEREAS, State scientists hold graduate degrees in virtually
5 every scientific discipline, including nematology, virology,
6 seismology, epidemiology, toxicology, and many others; and

7 WHEREAS, State scientists are represented by the California
8 Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS), which is dedicated
9 to professionalism, independence,

10 and responsible advocacy; and

11 WHEREAS, The work of state scientists protects the public
12 from life-threatening diseases, safeguards our wildlife and abundant
13 natural resources, and protects our air and water from toxic waste
14 and pollution; and

15 WHEREAS, State scientists are required to make critical
16 decisions every day based on rigorous scientific factfinding, and
17 these decisions ultimately impact the lives and property of all
18 Californians; and

19 WHEREAS, State scientists perform important work in the areas
20 of infectious disease prevention, oil spill prevention and cleanup,
21 public health drinking water monitoring, the protection of
22 agricultural crops, brownfields mitigation, chemical and
23 radiological disaster response, and much more; and

24 WHEREAS, State scientists host an annual State Scientist Day
25 at the State Capitol to increase public awareness and recognition
26 of the significant contributions made by scientists working in state
27 government while entertaining and educating over 2,000
28 elementary school students with fun, hands-on science exhibits;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, State Scientist Day has sparked an interest in
31 science for thousands of California schoolchildren, legislators,
32 state employees, and the public, who attend the special event; now,
33 therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
35 *thereof concurring*, That May 23, 2012, shall be recognized as the
36 24th Annual State Scientist Day, and that this day shall be a tribute
37 to the dedication and professionalism of the state scientists who
38 work on behalf of all the residents of California; and be it further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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